

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A gas separation module 25 is disclosed for separating air into nitrogen 27 and oxygen 26 enriched fractions. The nitrogen enriched fraction 27 may be used to inert an atmosphere inside a fuel tank 32. The air is separated into nitrogen 27 and oxygen 26 enriched fractions by providing a plurality of strands of gas separation membrane wound around a core and maintaining a pressure difference across the walls of the strands of membrane. A low pressure difference of ≤ 30 psi maintained across the membrane is able to effect gas separation and provide highly nitrogen enriched air. The membrane has preferably been subjected to a modification technique to increase its gas permeability.

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